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### 1. Stara Boleslav (051/ F 90).

- a. The work on the new military installation north of the town was still in progress. Attachment 1 is a sketch of the area. As far as could be ascertained by outside observation, a new two-story building was erected in the neighborhood of the previously known buildings. A railroad branch line leading from the Stara Boleslav station into the off-limits area was under construction. The southern section of the line already has its rails, while only the ties were laid at the northern section. The latter section of road bed was gradually cutting down into the terrain as if it would ultimately be underground. The side walls of the cut were lined with concrete. The secondary road Stara Boleslav - Hlavenec (051/ F 90) was widened and strengthened between the artillery barracks and the construction site. A short-cut road connecting the highway Stara Boleslav - Mlada Boleslav (051/ G 02) and the road Stara Boleslav - Hlavenec was built parallel to the railroad about 100 meters north of the railroad.

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- b. On this date sentry at the artillery barracks had black epaulets with red piping and a crossed cannon insignia. There was no activity to be observed in the barracks courtyard. Five three-ton trucks carrying soldiers left in the direction of Mlada Boleslav. No troops seemed to be quartered in the old barracks; a military truck halted at the gate and six soldiers loaded communication material from the buildings onto the truck.

- c. The following military vehicles were observed in the town

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truck three ton, being loaded with communication material at the old barracks  
wrecker half tracked, with a crane  
trucks three ton, standing in the new barracks yard  
truck three ton.

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2. Hradec Kralove (051/G 71).

- a. [REDACTED] twelve groups of recruits, each group 30 men strong, conducted drill without arms on the military training ground (Pt. 10 '2'). The barracks "La Hrade" (Pt. 8) were guarded by a sentry with red epaulets and yellow border stripes; the military administrative building (Pt. 6) was guarded on the first day by a sentry with red epaulets and black piping, and on the second day by a sentry with black epaulets and red piping. The Military Medical Academy (Pt. 4) was guarded by a sentry with brown epaulets and red piping.
- b. There was no flying activity at the airfield. All the planes were sheltered in hangars. In the Air Force barracks (Pt. 12) courtyard nine groups of recruits (eight 30 men strong and one 40 men strong) were observed conducting drill without arms. Between the barracks and the airfield (Pt. 14) about 20 to 25 wooden huts were observed; these are concealed by trees from outside observation in the summer. Trucks with loads of sand were arriving at half-hour intervals at the airfield.
- c. A new two-story building was built at the Army Radio Plant (Pt. 9). The building was approximately 80 meters long, 10 meters wide, and 20 meters high. It had a massive square chimney about 35 meters high. A ditch, 2.5 meters deep, leading due west from the new building to the Labe River was under construction. Cement pipes about five meters long and one meter in diameter were placed along the side of the ditch.
- d. The following military vehicles were observed in the town:

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[REDACTED]	truck	three ton, Air Force driver
[REDACTED]	"	"
[REDACTED]	"	"
[REDACTED]	"	"
[REDACTED]	"	"
[REDACTED]	"	"
[REDACTED]	jeep	
[REDACTED]	delivery van	
[REDACTED]	passenger car	Tatra-Madivrska
[REDACTED]	passenger car	Skoda-Tudor, both parked in front of the Regional Military Command.

3. Mlada Boleslav.

- a. [REDACTED] a detachment of 180 recruits armed with rifles were led by NCOs with red epaulets and black piping out of the new barracks to the nearby training ground for a drill. The sentry at the barracks gate had black epaulets with red piping. The barracks were quiet and no equipment could be observed in the courtyard.
- b. The following military vehicles were observed in the town:

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[REDACTED]	truck	three ton, a lieutenant with silver epaulets on brown base
[REDACTED]	"	"
[REDACTED]	"	"
[REDACTED]	"	"
[REDACTED]	"	"
[REDACTED]	"	"
[REDACTED]	"	"
[REDACTED]	"	carrying rations
[REDACTED]	"	"

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[REDACTED]	truck	three ton	
	"	"	
	"	"	carrying soldiers with brown epaulets and red piping
	"	two ton	Air Force driver
	jeep		
	"		
	"		
	"		
	passenger car	Skoda-Tudor	parked in front of the Regional Court
	jeep		driver an SED-man with red epaulets
"		driver an SED-man with red epaulets	

4. Liberec (051/G 16).

a. [REDACTED] little activity could be observed in the new barracks. Part of the barracks appeared unoccupied. The courtyard was full of piled bricks, gravel, sand, and lumber. A group of about 60 men were having drill without arms. The sentry had red epaulets with black piping. There was an inscription over the gate "Kasarna Jana Zizky z Trocnova".

b. The old barracks seemed to have been fully occupied. They were guarded by a sentry with black epaulets, red piping and a symbol of crossed cannons. On the parking place west of the barracks, approximately 50 three-ton trucks were parked.

c. There was no flying activity at the airfield. According to a local [REDACTED] in the vicinity of the airfield, the field was used only for gliding training and the occasional landing of a single military plane. In the garages near the gate about 25 trucks were standing.

d. The following military vehicles were observed in the town:

[REDACTED]	truck	heavy, three-axle car, standing in the old barracks courtyard
	"	five ton, parked at the airfield entrance
	"	"
	"	three ton, Air Force personnel
	"	"
	"	"
	"	"
	jeep	leaving the old barracks
	passenger car	parked at the Regional Military Command
	"	Tatra-8, airforce personnel
[REDACTED]	passenger car	Tudor, a colonel and a 1st-colonel with silver epaulets on brown base arrived at the Regional Military Command
	passenger car	Hadimaska, a major with gold epaulets on red base arrived at the new barracks.

5. Varnsdorf (051/F 37).

a. [REDACTED] about 40 WCOs with green epaulets and green lapel patches with dog-head symbols arrived at the railroad station with full equipment and personal luggage. The equipment was carried away by a three-ton truck, [REDACTED]. A PS lieutenant in light green cap met the detachment; he arrived by a jeep, [REDACTED].

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- 25X1A b. [REDACTED] about 120 draftees arrived daily by train. They were marched into the former hospital which was taken over by the Ministry of National Security. At the end of 25X1A [REDACTED] groups of recruits could be observed at the foot- 25X1A ball ground and other spacious places performing basic drill without arms. [REDACTED] the PS unit held an oath-taking parade on the town square. The parade was commanded by a 1st lieutenant with gold epaulets on red base. Fifteen PS lieutenants and 540 PS enlisted men took part in the parade. The officers wore light blue caps of the same shade as Russian border guards; this was the first time that they were seen wearing these caps.
- c. The billets in the former Goldberg factory are still occupied by an unidentified labor unit. Sentries were observed wearing black epaulets with black piping. A detachment of 120 men was observed on 23 November 1952 marching from the billets equipped with gas masks, helmets, and submachine guns. Further billets are being prepared at the former stocking manufacturing plant Kuznet. The machinery was removed and billeting furniture was being brought in.

- d. The following military vehicles were observed in the town:

25X1C	[REDACTED]	truck	three ton, driver had black epaulets and red piping
		trucks	three ton, parked in the courtyard of the labor unit billets
		truck	three ton, belonging to PS units
		"	" "
		"	" "
		"	" "
		ambulance	

6. Rumburk (051/F 78).

- 25X1A a. A detachment of 240 recruits had drill without arms daily during [REDACTED] in the vicinity of the barracks. The drill was being supervised by a captain and several lieutenants with gold epaulets on a red base. There were no PS units stationed in the town.

- b. The following military vehicles were observed in the town:

25X1C	[REDACTED]	truck	three ton
		"	"
		"	"
		"	"
		ambulance	
		jeep	

7. Fillipov (051/F 88).

- 25X1A a. A PS headquarters was established in the former monastery. The local PS unit was billeted in the former hotel "Narecky czar". Detachments of PS were observed drilling in streets of the almost deserted town. An oath-taking parade took place on [REDACTED] 25X1A [REDACTED] in front of the monastery. The parade was commanded by a captain with gold epaulets on a red base. Thirty-eight company grade PS officers and 720 PS enlisted men took part in the ceremony.

- 25X1C b. Two jeeps, [REDACTED], were observed in the town.

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8. Trutnov (051/G 74).

- a. [REDACTED] about 50 to 60 trucks, mainly three-ton, and five heavy tractors were parked in the courtyard of the barracks. Another three tractors were engaged in a field driving exercise in the fields near the barracks. The tractors had folding tops and were approximately 3.5 meters long, 2.5 meters high, and 2.5 meters wide. They had diesel engines and were fully tracked. The trucks were one-half meter wide.
- b. On the adjacent training ground 60 recruits drilled without arms all morning. The barracks guard had black epaulettes with red piping. In the evening two soldiers came to a local cafe and in the course of their conversation complained of the monotonous and hard drill and expressed pleasure at the oncoming winter training which would include skiing somewhere in mountains.
- c. The following military vehicles were observed in the town:

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• truck	three ton	
"	"	
"	"	carrying provisions
"	"	
"	"	
"	"	
"	"	adjusted for carrying troops
"	"	"
jeep		

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1. [REDACTED] Comment: For previous report on this construction see [REDACTED] paragraph 5 b.

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2. [REDACTED] for sketch of this area. References in paragraph 2 are to that sketch.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment: The arrival of first PS elements into Varnsdorf was reported in [REDACTED]

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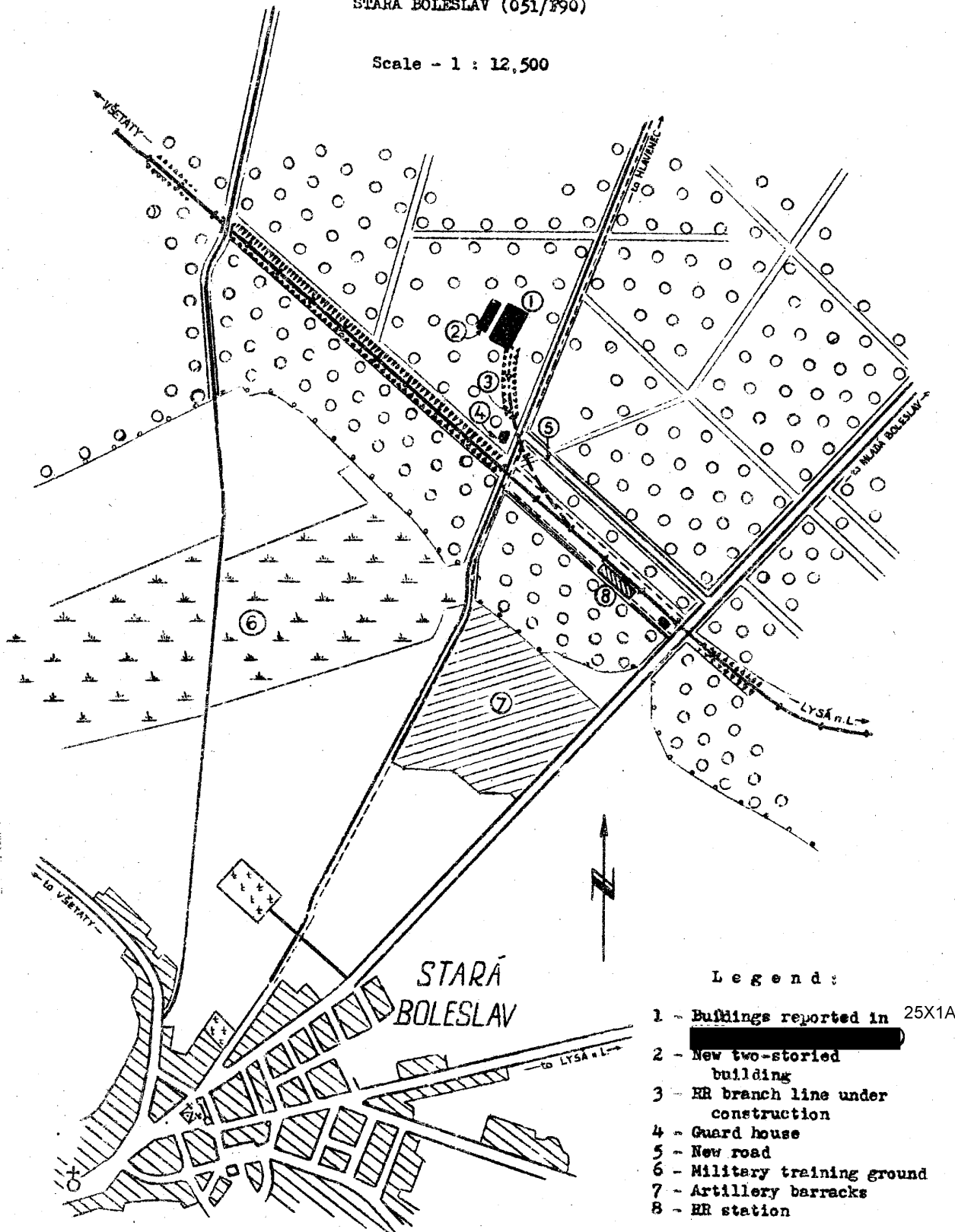
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ATTACHMENT 1

NEW MILITARY INSTALLATIONS NORTH OF  
STARA BOLESLAV (051/F90)

Scale - 1 : 12,500



## Legend:

- 1 - Buildings reported in 25X1A
- 2 - New two-storied building
- 3 - RR branch line under construction
- 4 - Guard house
- 5 - New road
- 6 - Military training ground
- 7 - Artillery barracks
- 8 - RR station

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